

FAVORSODELL STEAMBOAT CO.

Which Dock Commissioner Hawkes Recommends, Cancelled for One to Run 6 Years—Application Waited a Month Then Was Favorably Considered—Quite

When the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund meet next Wednesday there will be laid before them for action a recommendation which has been addressed to them by Dock Commissioner McDougall and Hawkes. This recommendation is a proposal to cancel the lease now held on Pier 24, North River, by the Central Hudson Steamboat Company, which has almost six years to run yet, and then make a fresh lease for five years and nine months from May 1 next, with the privilege of two renewals of ten years each. For each of the renewals an advance of 10 per cent. in the

If the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund see fit to carry out Commissioner Hawkes' recommendation, one of the finest pieces of pier property along the North River will be transferred to the Central Hudson

Pier 24, North River, is so choice a bit of river-front property that a great many people would like to get a chance to bid for its use. It is the policy of the present administration, however, while getting all that it can for the city out of pier rentals

not to turn a good tenant out without an opportunity to renew his lease. The usual advance the city asks in rental runs from 5 to 10 per cent. The renewals, while mostly for five years, are sometimes for as long a time as ten years.

two unusual things are recommended by Commissioner Hawkes. The cancellation of a lease nearly six years before its expiration, and a new lease for twenty-six years is said to be unprecedented. One of the principles on which the present reform administration has made a strong stand against has been the leasing of pier privilege. The administration has gone on recording as being opposed to the granting of long

The fact that Commissioner Hawkes had recommended such a course in the case of the Central Hudson Steamboat Company only became known yesterday when Deputy Comptroller N. Taylor Phillips, who is secretary to the Commission, said the sinking fund made public.

The Commissioner's letter set people wondering why the Central Hudson Steamboat Company should ask and get such a lease. Pretty soon it was discovered that on Dec. 18, 1892, Benjamin S. Odell of Newburgh, father-in-law of the Governor of the State, was elected president of the Central Hudson Steamboat Company, and that Gov. Odell himself had

Furthermore, although the application of the Central Hudson Steamboat Company for the cancellation of its lease and the issuance of a new one on the terms now recommended was made as long ago as Feb. 6, nothing was done in the matter until March 14, a week ago to-day, when Commissioner Hawke sent his letter to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Mr. Hawkes sent his letter to Mr. Phillips Gov. Odell came to town. It was asserted yesterday that the Governor went to Pierceton where Commissioner Hawkes has his office and had a long talk with the Commissioner. Afterward the Governor and Commissioner Hawkes went to the Lawyers' Club, in the Equitable Building, where they had luncheon together.

Then Mr. Hawkes went back to Pierceton and the Governor went back to Albany.

The Central Hudson Steamboat Company is favorably considered by letter to grant a franchise to the Central Hudson Steamboat Company, which is recommended by the company to grant a franchise to the Central Hudson Steamboat Company. The Central Hudson Steamboat Company is made up of the New York and Newburgh, the New York and Poughkeepsie, the New York and Kingston, and the New York and Albany steamboat companies. There have been rumors recently that it would soon absorb other freight and passenger lines in the Hudson River.

among others the Hudson River Day Line. Gov. Odell and his father are reported to own more than 50 per cent of the stock in the Central Hudson Steamboat Company. A few days ago Gov. Odell purchased for \$25,000 a block of 718 shares of the Mary Powell Steamboat Company, which had then already been absorbed by the Hudson river company.

The only name appearing on the original application to Commissioner Hawley by the Central Hudson Steamboat Company is that of S. A. Crum, who signs it, "Assistant."

to the President." The name of the president does not appear on the application nor does the name of any other officer of the company. In Mr. Crum's application he asks for the very things which Mr. Hawkes now recommends that the Sinking Fund give him. The reason given for the request is that the steamboat company intends to erect a ship over a recent optimism made to its pilots, and doesn't want to go to the expense unless it is sure to have a long run.

M. Mawhood's letter to the Shipping Point Commission is as follows:

Department of Mines and Forestry,
Ottawa, Ont., Canada,
New York, March 14, 1909

N. Taylor Phillips, Esq., Secretary, Commerce
Bureau of the Shipping Point

Sir: I beg to acknowledge that the Commission of the Shipping Point Agency is in touch with the Imperial War Office, Government of New South Wales, and the War Office of the United Kingdom, for a loan of the fuel of Vancouver Island, for a loan of the

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Year to Date Disbursements
Including the Police Committee, Disbursement and Other

1. For the period 1/1/70 to 12/31/70, the total trip, including all expenses, was \$1,000.00.